Abstract:

On an Internet-like system, the present invention provides a system for reporting sites to a central computer. A searching computer, once a site has been found, is able to report the located site's address (commonly called the URL) together with an identifier of the searching computer to a reporting computer. The reporting computer is established to act as a central collection point for addresses which improperly contain material such as copyrighted cartoons, copyrighted articles, defamatory articles, and patented techniques. In this manner, a reporting computer is able to employ a large number of "web surfers" who are on the lookout for sites with identified materials on them.